

## REMARKS

The present Amendment is made to more particularly describe the present invention.

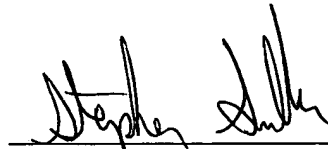
Claims 1-16 are pending in the present Application.

Applicant has provided herewith a substitute specification. In particular, Applicant has amended the specification to substitute the full name, hydroxymethyl-p-tolylsulfone, for the defined abbreviation, HPT. Applicant has also amended claim 11 to remove the abbreviation HPT. Applicant has amended the Abstract in order to remove the same abbreviation. Applicant has also provided substitute figures making analogous amendments and correcting minor errors. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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